

Fake IDs and drivers' licenses
(HB 1191 by Denton/Sarpalius)

DIGEST: HB 1191 would have made it a misdemeanor to sell or distribute personal identification cards or drivers' licenses that were deceptively similar to personal ID cards or drivers' licenses distributed by the Texas Department of Public Safety and that lacked a clearly stated disclaimer of official status or DPS-approval.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO: The bill was vetoed because another bill passed by the Legislature, HB 705 by Heflin, amended the same statute to accomplish the same purpose. HB 705 was recommended for approval by the DPS because it was more comprehensive than HB 1191.

AUTHOR'S
VIEW: Rep. Betty Denton agreed that the alternate bill, HB 705, was a "little stronger" than her own bill and would accomplish the stated goal of both bills -- to stem the creation and use of fake drivers' licenses and personal ID cards.

NOTES: The governor signed HB 705, and it will take effect on Sept. 1, 1987.

The House Research Organization analysis of HB 705 appeared in Part 4 of the April 29, 1987 Daily Floor Report.